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A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The information is furnished in the following statement:—

Statement.

Name of the reserve.	Year.		Number of animals licensed to graze. Cows or bulls.	Buffaloes.
Bantaje reserved forest	1929–30	..	332	33
	1930–31	..	353	21
	1931–32	..	318	40
Medinadka east and west reserved forest.	1929–30	..	513	52
	1930–31	..	497	22
	1931–32	..	500	55

Panchayat Courts

Election of the members of the Depressed Classes Community to the Panchayat Court at Chidambaram.

* 242 *Q*.—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state how many members of the depressed classes were elected in the Panchayat Court of Chidambaram in South Arcot district?

A.—There are three elected members of the depressed classes in the panchayat court.

Mr. M. DEVADASAN:—"May I know whether the Panchayat Court at Chidambaram is now working?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Yes."

Mr. M. DEVADASAN:—"May I know how long it has been working?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Ever since the date of the election it has been working. I cannot say at the present moment when the date of the election was."

Mr. M. DEVADASAN:—"May I know whether the Tahsildar of Chidambaram directed the court not to work?"

Ports

Representation of labour on the Port Trust.

* 243 *Q*.—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government are having under consideration the desirability of giving representation on the Port Trust Board to labour interests and to amend the Act so as to bring the Madras Port Trust into line with the Bombay Port Trust; if so, in what stage the proposals are?

A.—The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I take it that the Government are going to give representation to labour interests on the Port Trust Board? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" It is too early to say that."

Prisons and Prisoners

Unparliamentary remarks of the Inspector-General of Prisons against a non-official visitor to the Bellary Jail. 11-15 a.m.

* 244 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Local Government was appealed to by Dr. M. Sitarama Sarma, medical practitioner and non-official visitor to the Bellary Jail, against certain uncalled for and provocative and unparliamentary remarks of the Inspector-General of Prisons against him; if so, whether the hon. the Law Member will be pleased to place a copy of the said appeal and enclosures sent with it on the table of the House; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Government refused to take any action on the said representations made by the said non-official visitor, dated 24th January 1932?

A.—(*a*) A representation was made to Government by Mr. M. Sitarama Sarma protesting against certain remarks of the Inspector-General of Prisons. The answer to the second part is in the negative.

(*b*) Yes.

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know if the Government will furnish any reason for their non-interference? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The Government thought that it was not necessary to interfere."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT :—" May I know whether the non-official visitor still continues to be a visitor of the jail? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I believe he does not."

Mr. YAKUB HASAN :—" May I know what those remarks were? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" It is not in the public interests to publish those remarks."

Mr. YAKUB HASAN :—" Have the Government satisfied themselves that these remarks were not provocative? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The Government have satisfied themselves."